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pile anyhow. So we probably in the next week would not lose any time on it in setting the hearing and from the people who have come here today, have been writing, I think that there is a real concern over what will happen in the Norfolk Regional Center and whether it should change or not, I think we should have the input from these people. We have as has been stated here, had the controversy over these buildings, this one and others at Norfolk, before and every time the Legislature in its wisdom has turned them down. We have also done this already again and in the capital construction bill. And this is just another way to do the same thing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stahmer. And Clark, Goodrich.

SENATOR STAHMER: Mr. President, I'd like to yield to Senator Clark, vice-chairman of our committee and then I'd like to say a word.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Clark...Senator Stahmer is yielding to Senator Clark. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Thank you, Senator Stahmer. I'd like to ask a couple of questions of Senator Kennedy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy yield?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes, certainly.

SENATOR CLARK: If we transferred these buildings which you're going to do is take the Regional Center out of its entirety actually.

SENATOR KENNEDY: No, I never six years ago, four years ago, two years ago, and we did transfer two buildings. I'm sure you voted probably to do it and the veterans now have them and they are full. There are more veterans than there are people in the Regional Center so the veterans are telling us beings they have more veterans that the kitchen facilities and the facilities where the veterans are moving in must be in their name. Now, that is not closing the Regional Center in any manner.

SENATOR CLARK: Aren't you transferring the Administration Building?

SENATOR KENNEDY: This is the building that was planned six years ago under Tiemann, four years ago under Exon, Governor Tiemann and Governor Exon and it's been a long program that I've been involved in because I do not want the Northeast Regional Center closed and if we do not use those buildings and you have the population that we have only in the Regional Center, they would probably be moved out and there will be no establishment for Regional Center. But if we can keep those buildings active and keep the people active and get the support. And I've visited many times with people that say for goodness sakes, let's support this and keep this institution open. Let's re-build the buildings.

SENATOR CLARK: No, what I want to say is this. I'm not opposed to closing the Regional Center up there.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I am.

SENATOR CLARK: I know you are and I can understand why. But let me explain my reason. I think perhaps we'd be better off